



# The Shorelines

July 2021

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**From the City Manager's desk:** On Saturday, June 26, the Grosse Pointe's received unprecedented rains during the overnight hours. Some engineers described it as "a thousand-year storm event". It is estimated that some of the communities received up to 8 inches of water in a three-hour period. The results were the devastating flooding of homes and businesses that we all are aware of throughout the Grosse Pointe's. Here in Grosse Pointe Shores, we had 3-4 inches in about 1 ½ hours. Our crews responded immediately to assure that our pump stations were operating at capacity. I would like to thank Mike Way, Nick Rudd and Kevin Hartman who worked tirelessly all night; our employees performed admirably during a stressful time to prevent the major flooding that occurred elsewhere. Thanks to the rest of our DPW employees, who have been working hard to pick up the remnants of the flooding and I would also like to thank our Public Safety Department who assisted on a mutual aid fire and helped homeowners and motorists during that period. Great team effort by all.

We would like to provide some important information to those who were affected by the storm water. On our website you can attain a PA 222 form to be filled out and return to City Hall as soon as possible. You may also pick a form up at either City Hall(2<sup>nd</sup> floor) or our DPW.



In June the Village Of Grosse Pointe

Shores Official facebook page was launched! Please be sure to send us a friend request to stay up to date on what's happening in and around the city.



Village of Grosse Pointe Shores [Official] >  
Public group

2021 Summer Tax Bills were recently mailed out.

Payments will be accepted without penalty through September 14, 2021 (With 9/14/21 USPS postmark.)

Delinquent taxes will be turned over to the county on March 1, 2022

To pay online with your credit card, visit the city's website [www.gpshoresmi.gov](http://www.gpshoresmi.gov) Point and Pay.

In observance



City Offices will be closed  
Monday, July 5th.

Rubbish, Yard Waste will  
be delayed one day all  
week. Recycling remains  
on schedule.

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HAPPY 4TH  
OF JULY!

Inflatable Games and Activities  
1pm - 5pm

Food and Beverage  
JB's Food Hut 11am - 9pm  
Full Circle Concession Stand Noon - 6pm  
National Coney Island 4pm - 9pm

Concert by Teen Angels  
7pm - Dusk

Fireworks  
Dusk

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- 3 1:00 PM Weather Siren Test
- 4 4th of July Firework Celebration
- 5 Administration Offices, Court & DPW closed ( Rubbish, yard waste delayed one day all week, recycling on schedule)
- 6 Request/Plans for 7/27 Planning Commission must be submitted by this date
- 7 Sharks Swim meet hosted by Grosse Pointe City 5:30 PM
- 8 Utility Bill due date
- 10 DSO @ the Ford Estate 7:00 PM
- 11 DSO @ the Ford Estate 7:00 PM
- 12 GPSIF trustee meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Sharks home swim meet 5:30 PM
- 17 Sharks Mini Meet hosted by Grosse Pointe Park
- 19 Last day to register in any manner other than in person for the August 3rd primary Election
- 20 4:00 PM deadline to file for City Council
- 20 7:00 PM Council Meeting
- 21 Board of Review 9:00 AM
- Sharks Home Swim Meet 5:30 PM
- 26/27 Sharks Swim Team Prelims and Finals
- 27 9:00 AM Planning Commission Meeting
- 31 Last day to obtain absentee voter ballots for 8/3 Primary Election

**For up to date village information please visit the Grosse Pointe Shores website,  
[www.gpshoresmi.gov](http://www.gpshoresmi.gov)**





# Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety

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## “Home Watch Program”

July and August are popular months to travel and vacation, for those residents who are gone the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department offers a Home Watch Program. The Home Watch Program is designed so that in your absence an officer comes to your home daily and walks your property checking all your access doors, windows, and garage to ensure that they are locked and secured while you are away. If an officer notices an unsecured access point, package delivery or mail that officer will contact the homeowner or person responsible for the property to have those items secured while you are away. The Home Watch Program is designed for short term absences such as a 3-day weekend through long term departures for those who are gone for the winter months. Any resident who wishes to be part of this program just call the police desk at (313) 881-5500 ext. #2. After you provide a small amount of information you will be all set to leave your home behind with an extra layer of security in place and peace of mind knowing that if something were to happen at your home, the Public Safety Department is going to address and resolve that issue.

Recently, the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department has opened an “on-line” account with a company named Knox. Knox sells a product that is referred to as “Knox Box.” A Knox Box is a small safe that hangs outside of your home in an inconspicuous location. Inside the Knox Box are the keys to your home so in an emergency our officers can gain access to your home without damaging your property. The key to the Knox Box is secured at the Public Safety desk and only the On-Duty Supervisor will have access to that key when needed. The Knox Box is also a good idea for our senior population or a resident who has a medical condition or recovering from a surgery where they may struggle to answer the door after requesting Public Safety.

For those interested in a Knox Box, go to their website, and click on the red “BUY” button in the top right corner. Next, in the drop down select Michigan then Grosse Pointe Shores Police. A list of the Knox products should populate that will give homeowners an explanation of their products and ideas how to utilize them around your home. Please contact me directly with any questions or needed assistance with the Knox Box program.

Kenneth V. Werenski  
Director of Public Safety



# PARKS & RECREATION

OSIUS PARK SUMMER HOURS 6:00AM TO 12:00 PM

## LESSONS & ACTIVITIES 2021



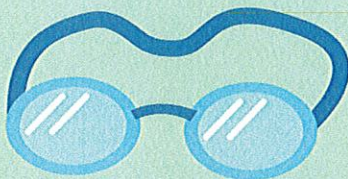
Adult Early Morning Swim  
5:30am - 7:30am  
\$100 residents  
\$150 non-residents  
Weekly Rates Available

Water Aerobics  
Tuesdays 6pm - 6:45pm  
\$70 residents  
\$100 non-residents  
Drop In Rates Available

Tai Chi  
Coming in August  
Look for more information soon!



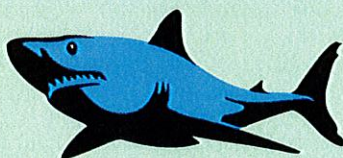
All lessons and activities require registration and payment via cash or check made out to the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores.



Swim Lessons Session II  
Sign-Up begins  
Monday, July 5  
Lessons July 12 - 23  
\$50 for two-weeks M-F

Tennis Lessons  
Weekly Sessions  
10 and under 9:30 - 10:20  
11 and older 10:30 - 11:20  
\$45 each week  
Sign-Up Wednesday prior

GPS SHARKS  
Swim Team  
Late registration available  
Visit [gpssharks.com](http://gpssharks.com)



Please stop by the Pool Office during pool hours to sign up  
Sunday 10am - 8pm  
Monday - Friday Noon - 7pm  
Saturday 10am - 9pm

GPSHORES POOL & PARK

### Pool Hours

Main, Diving, & Baby

Sunday  
10am - 8pm  
Monday - Friday  
Noon - 7pm  
Saturday  
10am - 9pm

Now - July 31, 2021

(313) 884-2305

### GPS CONCESSION STAND MENU

#### Hot Dogs

Coney (chili, mustard, onion)	\$4.00
Plain	\$3.00

#### Snacks

Ice Cream	\$2.00
Cheese Sticks	\$2.00
Chips	\$1.00
Candy	\$1.00
Trail Mix	\$1.00
Go-gurt Yogurt	\$1.00
Gold fish	\$0.50
Fruit Snacks	\$0.50

#### Beverages \$1.00

Coke	Gatorade
Diet Coke	Juice Box
Sprite	Water
Vitamin Water	Coffee

JUNE 25 - JULY 31  
OPEN DAILY  
NOON - 6PM







# **GROSSE POINTE SHORES & GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CONCERT IN THE PARK AND FIREWORKS CELEBRATION**

## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL!**

The celebration kicks off at 1:00 pm with activities in the park:  
bounce house, games, food trucks & swimming

Teen Angels 7:00 P.M.

Fireworks begin at dusk

(don't forget to bring your lawn chair)

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR EVENT SPONSORS**

- \* ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN & WESTRICK, INC.
- \* AZIMUTH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC
- \* CARLISLE WORTMAN ASSOCIATES, INC
- \* CONSTRUCTEAM
- \* DEEPLANDS DEVELOPMENT
- \* FOSTER SWIFT COLLINS & SMITH
- \* PC/ATTORNEYS
- \* GROBBEL'S
- \* GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

- \* HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK, INC
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- \* MARSHALL LANDSCAPE, INC
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- \* THE RAFFOUL FAMILY
- \* MR. & MRS. ROBERT WEILAND
- \* THE GEHLERT FAMILY
- \* ZIMS VODKA/MR. & MRS. TERRY OLSON
- \* WOODS WHOLESALE WINE



# PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

## Water Rate Analysis

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores is pleased to present the water rate study for fiscal year 2022. The goal of the study was to inform, educate, and advise City Council and the community about the upcoming needs of the water system and how to strategically prepare for the future. The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores is determined to create long-term stability by evaluating how resources are utilized on an ongoing and continuous basis as part of the annual budget process. We welcome any feedback please direct all inquiries related to our water rate study to the City Finance Director, Candice Giles, [cgiles@gpshoresmi.gov](mailto:cgiles@gpshoresmi.gov).

### COMMON MYTHS OF WATER PRICING

#### **Higher Rates are BAD**

Data shows that utilities with low rates do not generate sufficient revenue to properly maintain their system's assets, ultimately leading to long-term adverse cost and service impacts.

Pressure to maintain low rates has the potential to force utilities to run a deficit and avoid making necessary operational and capital expenditures.

#### **Comparing Rates is SIMPLE**

Cost of service depends on diverse factors including geographic location, size of treatment facilities, customer base, age of assets, site-specific regulatory requirements, type of water supply, and quality of source water and receiving waters.

Two neighboring utilities with similar customer bases may have very different costs that justify very different rate structures and rates.

#### **Pricing is SIMPLE**

Utilities have many design choices and should be thoughtful in customizing their rate structure to serve their specific needs as they evolve in time, rather than maintaining outdated rate structures or copying their neighbor's rate structure.

### ANALYSIS OF RATE STRUCTURE

#### Past Rate Structure

Combination of Tiered and Volumetric charge

0-15 units of Water Base Charge \$235.20

\$15.68 per unit over Base Charge

(no indication of whether charges were toward water or sewer service)

#### Proposed Rate Structure

Operational Fee - \$79.49/Qtr.

Water Charge- \$6.27/unit

Sewer Charge- \$9.69/unit

Total Water/Sewer Charge \$15.96/unit

(1.02% increase in prior year rate)

Debt Service Charge - \$46.06/Qtr.

(Increases/decreases with the Capital Improvement Bond Schedule)



Utility bills are due July 8th

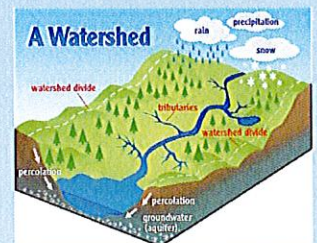


## Example Implementation of Proposed Changes

Resident-Lakeshore				Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
				2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Average User Water/Sewer bill								
Average customer uses	348	ccf						
Operational Fee + Debt Service Charge			184.24	\$ 502.19	\$ 504.83	\$ 507.53	\$ 1,073.29	\$ 416.97
Usage charge			\$ 5,635.20	\$ 5,556.25	\$ 5,658.11	\$ 5,763.01	\$ 5,871.03	\$ 6,230.39
Total Avg Water/Sewer bill			\$ 1,454.86	\$ 1,514.61	\$ 1,540.74	\$ 1,567.64	\$ 1,736.08	\$ 1,661.84
Resident- Colonial				Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
				2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Average User Water/Sewer bill								
Average customer uses	103	ccf						
Operational Fee + Debt Service Charge			184.24	\$ 502.19	\$ 504.83	\$ 507.53	\$ 1,073.29	\$ 416.97
Usage charge			\$ 1,662.08	\$ 1,644.52	\$ 1,674.67	\$ 1,705.72	\$ 1,737.69	\$ 2,085.23
Total Avg Water/Sewer bill			\$ 461.58	\$ 536.68	\$ 544.87	\$ 553.31	\$ 702.74	\$ 625.55
Resident - Crestwood				Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
				2022	2023	2024	2025	2030
Average User Water/Sewer bill								
Average customer uses	29	ccf						
Operational Fee + Debt Service Charge			184.24	\$ 502.19	\$ 504.83	\$ 507.53	\$ 1,073.29	\$ 416.97
Usage charge			\$ 940.80	\$ 463.02	\$ 471.51	\$ 480.25	\$ 489.25	\$ 684.95
Total Avg Water/Sewer bill			\$ 281.26	\$ 241.30	\$ 244.08	\$ 246.95	\$ 390.64	\$ 275.48

### Helpful tips for keeping the watershed clean:

- Never dispose of paint or paint-related products into the gutters or storm drains. This is illegal dumping
- Do not blow, sweep, hose or rake leaves or other yard trimmings into the street, or storm drain
- For one time use items, only buy what you need, so storage or waste water will not be a problem
- Oil bases paints should be cleaned with paint thinner. Paint thinner can be filtered and reused. Used thinner can be set aside in a closed jar to settle our paint particles and can be stored in a well-ventilated location.
- Choose earth friendly landscaping. Use non-toxic products for your garden and lawn whenever possible
- Use pesticides sparingly
- Clean up after your pet
- Practice good car care





# GPS Telephone Directory

**City Administration: 881-6565**  
**Department of Public Safety: 881-5500**  
**Department of Public Works: 886-0020**  
**Municipal Park Gate: 884-7018**  
**Court Office: 881-5503**  
**Pool Office: 884-2305**



**Emergencies Only: 911**  
**TDD Unit 343-0666 (for the hearing impaired)**

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### GPS Administrative Office hours:

Monday—Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

DPW: Monday—Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Public Safety: Open 24 Hours

Watch our monthly Council Meeting on our  
[website gpshoresmi.gov](http://www.gpshoresmi.gov)